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For : SAMPLING DEVICE INCLUDING TRANSPONDER FOR
ELECTRONIC TRACKING AND IDENTIFICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of July 24, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response extending until October 24, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections therein and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed appropriate in view of the following remarks.

Inasmuch as this amendment is being filed by the six-month date of January 24, 2007, this response is being filed with a three-month extension of time. However, should any further extension of time be needed, the same is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fee to preserve the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Additionally, this amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.